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MDOC staff donations top \$56,000 for Hurricane Katrina victims

Michigan Department of Corrections staff have once again shown tremendous compassion in an unprecedented outpouring of support to those corrections colleagues in the hurricane ravaged states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

While donations continue to stream in, more than \$56,000 has been collected so far. Staff across the state participated in the department-wide fund-raising day. Many facilities and locations have additional fund raisers planned and many have already raised and donated money



Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility Employees Club hosted a hog roast to raise funds for hurricane relief. From left: C/O Charles Strautz, C/O Paul Struble, C/O Tom Greenhoe, RUO Tom Tefft, C/O Mark Rockafellow and Sgt. David Butler staff the grill.

to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

"Corrections staff are the first to step up when

assistance is needed," said Director Patricia L. Caruso. "I know the folks in the Gulf area appreciate their financial support and their

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The Red Cross is looking for retired Corrections Officers

The American Red Cross is looking for retired Corrections Officers and Supervisors to volunteer for security duty in the hurricane devastated area of the Gulf Coast. If you know of a retiree who might be interested, please ask them to contact the Red Cross at: (269) 962-7528, Safety and Security Division for more information.

MDOC staff raise thousands

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prayers at this incredibly difficult time.”

It appears that the Alabama corrections department is in good shape experiencing only intermittent power outages. They are also providing assistance to those in Louisiana.

Louisiana, however, is a different story. The whereabouts of at least 10 staff are still unknown. Hundreds more have serious damage to their homes. According to the head of the Louisiana corrections department, staff is persevering in the face of tragedy. They are doing what has to be done.

“I visited Washington Corrections Institution yesterday and was struck by the resilience of staff who acknowledged their

loss of property but readily expressed their gratitude for the fact that family and friends were not seriously injured or killed,” said Louisiana Secretary Richard Stalder.

Corrections staff in the Gulf region are taking every initiative and getting things accomplished with what is available to them.

DOC staff are taking that same can do attitude when it comes to raising funds for Hurricane Katrina victims. Every DOC location participated in the fund-raising day and many have additional activities scheduled as well.

Secretary Stalder continues to express his appreciation for the support and assistance his department has

received from across the country. Rebuilding will be a long process for the department as well as corrections staff.

“I cannot express to you how much this means to the corrections family in Louisiana. Your thoughts, prayers, financial and other support are critical. The warden at Washington Corrections Institution estimates that over half of his staff have catastrophic damage to their homes. It is still almost impossible for staff from New Orleans to get close enough to their homes in that area to even estimate what the damage is. We thank you and will never forget your generosity and that of others who have stepped up to help us in this time of need,” said Secretary Stalder.

The Jackson area facilities are planning a golf outing on Wednesday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Sparrow Hawk Golf Course, 2618 Seymour in Jackson. The four-person scramble is \$50 per person. Contact Kevin Lindsey (JCS) 780-6835 or Linda Skoog (SMT) 780-6268 by Monday, September 19.

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Pine River Correctional Facility Dentist Assists in Identifying Hurricane Katrina Casualties

Douglas Yauch, D.D.S., dentist at Pine River Correctional Facility, was deployed to Gulfport, Mississippi on September 13 to assume the role of Site Commander of Morgue Operations for the Region IV Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT). DMORT is a Division of FEMA operations.

Comprised of forensic specialists (dentists, pathologists, anthropologists, DNA experts, mortuary officers), Dr. Yauch’s team will assist in the identification of the dead and the return of remains to family members. Dr. Yauch has been a member of DMORT for 10 years and has assisted at many disasters, including the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001.

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Budget update

The Governor and legislative leadership have established targets for the Fiscal Year 2006 corrections budget.

The \$1.78 billion dollar figure is \$24.9 million less than the Governor's original budget recommendation. Based on these target numbers, no employee concessions are anticipated

for Fiscal Year 2006 which begins October 1.

The corrections budget bill is scheduled to go to conference committee today at 3:00 p.m.

The conference committee's report will then have to be approved by both legislative chambers and presented to the

Governor for her signature before it becomes final.

Some recent news reports have given the impression that the budget is completed. That is not the case.

"We've been trying to keep staff updated about the budget," said Director Patricia L. Caruso. "But every time we get ready to

send something out, the situation changes. We're committed to providing regular updates but we're making every effort to be sure that those facts are correct."

Watch for a special edition of FYI as soon as there are further developments.

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CJTA SEEKS INFORMATION FROM DOC STAFF

Criminal Justice Training Assessment (CJTA) is a project funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The project's goal is to help criminal justice employees from agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Corrections, obtain college degrees.

CJTA evaluates department training programs to determine if they qualify for college credits which can then be transferred to any

academic institution across the nation.

The Michigan Department of Corrections has been evaluated by CJTA and has received 38 recommended college credits. CJTA would like to know what DOC staff think of those credit recommendations, education, training, and the CJTA itself.

You are invited to participate in an online survey that will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. The survey is opinion based and a majority of the questions are multiple choice. In addition the survey provides an opportunity for written comments.

If you are interested, please visit the survey at:

<http://tltc.shu.edu:80/servlets/asset.AssetSurvey?surveyid=714>

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MARQUETTE BRANCH PRISON STAFF SHARPEN THEIR COMPUTER SKILLS

In an effort to improve staff computer skills at Marquette Branch Prison, Warden Jerry Hofbauer recently created a five-person Computer Support Team. The goal of the team is to get one member specialized in each of the Microsoft Office programs. These staff persons will then function as a resource for all facility staff in their specific program area.

“Our team members will serve as mentors for other staff, helping them achieve their goals more easily and more efficiently,” said team leader Sgt. John Mayotte.

Along with Sgt. Mayotte, the team consists of Taryn Hetrick, school teacher; Lance LaRock, RUO; Benny Mercier, departmental analyst; and Gigi Suardini, RUO. Each of these employees has volunteered to undertake the additional duties including the appropriate NETg training. **F.Y.I.**



MBP Computer Support Team from left: Gigi Suardini, Lance LaRock and Benny Mercier

MDOC STAFF TAKE HONORS IN U.P. PISTOL MATCH



Newberry Team Members: ITO Perry Mendenall, C/O Anthony Schnell and C/O John Labadie relax between lines.

The twenty-ninth annual U.P. Law Enforcement Pistol Match was held August 18 at the Marquette Branch Prison (MBP) firearms range. Officers from 13 U.P. agencies competed in six classes, with more than half of Class A being MDOC personnel. Alger Maximum Correctional Facility (LMF) sent three teams while MBP and Newberry Correctional Facility (NCF) sent two teams each. MDOC honors include:

- Class A 2nd place – MBP Team 1
- Class A 3rd place – NCF Team 1
- Class A High Individual 1st – Greg Schultz, NCF
- Class A High Individual 3rd – Dan Charlebois, LMF
- Administrators Class 1st place – Greg Schultz, NCF
- Open Class 1st place – Dan Charlebois, LMF
- Open Class 2nd place – Greg Schultz, NCF
- Open Class 3rd place – Tim Roth, MBP
- Retiree Class 1st place – Ken Mayotte, KCF

Competition was tight with only 24 out of 900 possible points separating first place from third place in Class A.

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DIRECTOR CARUSO CO-CHAIRS 2005 SECC

Co-chairs DOC Director Patricia L. Caruso and Director Yvonne Blackmond, Office of Drug Control Policy, kick off the 2005 State Employee Combined Campaign (SECC) on Monday, September 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Capitol steps in Lansing. A second kickoff takes place at Cadillac Place in Detroit at the same time.

SECC is the charitable fund raiser for State of Michigan employees. Since the campaign began in 1987, employees have contributed over \$36.4 million to local and state community charities. If you are already a donor to the SECC please consider increasing your current donation by two percent this year as a way to help meet this year's goal. If you are a new giver please think about a simple \$2 per pay period contribution.

This year employees have the added option of choosing continued support for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through the Bush/Clinton Fund. Local relief efforts on the part of charities such as the American Red Cross and others are ongoing for hurricane assistance as well.

"I encourage each of you to take a moment to look at the SECC directory that you will receive on Monday and find a charitable organization that best fits with your personal convictions, and consider a payroll contribution," said Director Caruso. "The contribution can be as small or as large as you choose."

Signing up for the SECC this year is easier than ever. There are no forms to fill out. Between September 19 and October 21, you may go on line to MIHR self service at www.michigan.gov/selfserv or simply make a phone call to the service center at 877-766-6447. Or, you may make a contribution by check, credit card or direct bill.

For information on the individual charitable organizations listed in the directory, go to www.misecc.org and select the name from the drop down list.

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Sally Paajanen and her horse Shilo

Sally's Fund is being included in the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) donation list this year. In memory of Sally Paajanen,

"Sally's Fund" has been developed through friends and family to foster horse protection and education throughout the region. The fund is managed by the

SALLY'S FUND MAKES SECC

Marquette County Humane Society and is listed on page 25 of your SECC booklet under Michigan Association of United Ways TW22 4527.

This year, the third annual Sally's Ride will be held on September 17 at Forestview Farm in Skandia. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with ride time at 10 a.m.

A pot luck lunch and silent auction will be held after the ride.

Anyone wishing to partici-

pate in the fund raiser is welcome. Contact: Matt and Cheri Johnson at (906) 942-7316 or starseyrna@aol.com. The ride is being held at Forestview Farm, 132 Dukes Road, Skandia, MI 49885.

Sally Paajanen was a Corrections Officer at Alger Maximum Correctional Facility and tragically lost her life on February 15, 2003.

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WHEELS FOR WISHES RIDE RAISES MONEY FOR KIDS



Wheels for Wishes participants riding out.



Tim Jelenek thanks Warden Ken McKee for his support.

Despite the threat of severe thunderstorms, 28 motorcycle enthusiast rode to Ionia from around the state to be part of this year's Wheels for Wishes (WFW) event. Another dozen bikes met the riders in St. Louis at a local truck stop, bringing the total participants to 40.

Before the ride, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility Warden Kenneth McKee was given a 'Ride for Kids' jacket acknowledging his ongoing support of WFW.

"Warden McKee is head and shoulders above most in his promotion, support and generosity, not only representing the MDOC, but providing a positive example and role model

for all of us to emulate," said WFW President Tim Jelenek.

On behalf of the employees at IBC, Warden McKee then presented the WFW with a check representing the total amount that was raised at Bellamy Creek during the last 12 months for the charity.

For the third time in four years, Bellamy Creek led the Department in raising money for this cause. To date a total of \$6,891 has been raised.

A check will be presented to the Ride for Kids, Pediatric Brain Tumor Research fund at their annual event held later this year in Ann Arbor.

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Run Girl, Run! workshop is Sept. 23-24

On September 23-24, 2005, in Lansing, Michigan, the Michigan Women's Commission will be hosting "Run, Girl, Run!"

The event is a two-day workshop designed to give interested women

the tools needed to run for political office on every level. The deadline to register for the Lansing workshop is Friday, September 16, 2005.

Future workshops will also be held on the campus of Oakland Community

College in Farmington Hills and the campus of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.

For more information on these workshops please call (517) 373-2884, or visit the Michigan Women's Commission Web site at

www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

A brochure is available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Run_Girl_Run_brochure_134611_7.pdf.

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PROMOTIONS THROUGH JULY 31

July 3, 2005

IDEMUDIA RICHARD	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	SCOTT FACILITY
TRINGER-HILL SARAH A	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	SCOTT FACILITY
ECKERLY DEBRA	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	MOUND FACILITY
FISETTE MARY A	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	EGELER FACILITY
TAYLOR-PEDERSEN TERI D	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	EGELER FACILITY
THOMAS ETIVIA T	PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E	FOA REGION I
WATKINS RENEE	PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E	FOA REGION II
CARLSON CAROL D	PROCUREMENT TECHNICIAN-E	OJIBWAY FACILITY
HOWARD ALLEN C	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN/PARR HIGHWAY
RIES KERI L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN/PARR HIGHWAY
ROSE CATHY J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN/PARR HIGHWAY
VANBUSKIRK CHRISTOPHER	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN/PARR HIGHWAY
WARNER MICHAEL W	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	ADRIAN/PARR HIGHWAY

July 17, 2005

ENDERLE KATHY A	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
JOHNS PHILLIP E	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	MARQUETTE BRANCH PRISON
PERTTU THOMAS L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BARAGA FACILITY
IVROMAN AARON J	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	IONIA MAX
WAYNE JASON R	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	IONIA MAX
CANDIE JOSEPH T	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	SCOTT FACILITY
LEE JUANITA	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	SCOTT FACILITY
CHEEKS CHANDLER L	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
WESTERLUND ERIC L	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3	BROOKS
YOUNG MATTHEW D	DEPARTMENTAL ANALYST TRAINEE-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
OWENS DENISE L	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	EGELER FACILITY
SANDERS ANNAE	DEPUTY PRISON WARDEN-3	SCOTT FACILITY
ANDERSON LEO M	FINANCIAL ANALYST-E	RYAN FACILITY
DUELL RANDY R	INDUSTRIES SUPERVISOR-3	MICHIGAN STATE INDUSTRIES
GRANTHAM ESTELLE	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT TECH-A	CENTRAL OFFICE
TALLIO CASON J	RESIDENT UNIT MANAGER-2	MARQUETTE BRANCH PRISON
BROUSSEAU BETTY J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM FACILITY
REAM KRISTIE L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM FACILITY
ROSE FRANKLIN E	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM FACILITY
BELLES JAMES E	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL-2	NEWBERRY FACILITY
HART WENDY J	STATE TRANSITIONAL PROFSNL-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
SCHAIBLE LISAA	WORD PROCESSING ASSISTANT-E	FOA REGION III

July 31, 2005

BONN DALE R	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
BROWN TOKIE R	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
GOSCINIAK LISA M	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	SCOTT FACILITY
MCKEE CHRIS K	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	CHIPPEWA

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WEISINGER VICTORIA A	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	CHIPPEWA
YOKOM SCOTT M	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	RIVERSIDE
GARDNER NANCY M	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	RIVERSIDE
HOLCOMB DALE D	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	MACOMB
SUTTON JOHN W	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	RIVERSIDE
WALSH ANTHONY J	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	MACOMB
CRAMER KELLY D	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3	SCOTT
BUZAS FRANK J	CORRECTIONS TRNSPRTATN OFCR-E	BROOKS
CALLOWAY NICOLE I	CORRECTIONS TRNSPRTATN OFCR-E	BROOKS
SIEGRIST VICKI A	DEPARTMENTAL ANALYST TRAINEE-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
PROCHAZKA CHAR	DEPARTMENTAL ANALYST-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
BANCROFT PATRICIA A	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
IRRER MARC	GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
KAISER BARBARA J	PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E	FOA REGION III
LAVIGNE FABIAN W	PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E	FOA REGION II
RABITAILLE ANTHONY L	PHYSICAL PLANT SUPERVISOR-1	ALGER MAX
GRAVEDONI STEVEN	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA
INMAN CORIE E	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM
KERTTU MARK R	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
KILLIAN DAVID M	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
KOPFMAN EDWARD L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM
LUCERO MICHAEL L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM
MARQUARDT GARY V	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
MEYERS TED	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
MILLER JAMES A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BELLAMY CREEK
REDINGER MICHAEL L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
SOMERO SCOTT A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
WAARA STEVEN D	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BARAGA FACILITY
FREEMAN MICHELLE T	SECRETARY-A	CENTRAL OFFICE
CURLEY MICHAEL W	STATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER-1	OAKS FACILITY

F.Y.I.**ACADEMY CLASS REUNITES**

Members of the George Kropp Academy Class of August 19, 1985 held a reunion in Lansing recently to mark the 20th anniversary of their graduation.

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Attendees from left: Mark Brandon, Sergeant; Robert Scott Correctional Facility; Ernest Landrum, hearings investigator, Lakeland Correctional Facility; Earnestine King, human resource developer, Pine River Correctional Facility; R Cole Bouck, administrative assistant, CFA Region III and Karl Woodward, Sergeant; Macomb Correctional Facility.

